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## HARVEST FUNDS SERIES (HONG KONG) ETF OFC (the "Company")

(a Hong Kong public umbrella open-ended fund company with variable capital, limited liability and segregated liability between sub-funds and authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the "SFO"))

# HARVEST CHINA SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE TECH ACTIVE ETF (stock code 3155) (the "Terminating Sub-Fund")

ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CESSATION OF TRADING, TERMINATION, VOLUNTARY DELISTING, DEAUTHORISATION AND NON-APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE ON UNIT TRUSTS AND MUTUAL FUNDS (THE "UT CODE")

Terms not defined in this Announcement and Notice will have the meanings as are given to such terms in the prospectus of the Company and the Terminating Sub-Fund dated 30 July 2024 (the "**Prospectus**")

IMPORTANT: Investors are strongly advised to consider the contents of this Announcement and Notice. This Announcement and Notice is important and requires your immediate attention. It

concerns the proposed cessation of trading of share(s) of the Terminating Sub-Fund ("Share(s)"), proposed termination, proposed voluntary delisting, proposed deauthorisation and the non-applicability of certain provisions of the UT Code in respect of the Terminating Sub-Fund. In particular, investors should note that:

- taking into account the relevant factors (see details of the factors in section 1.1 below), including, in particular, the relatively small Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund (which, as at 17 October 2024, was HK\$2,298,083.85), the directors of the Company have, by means of a resolution of the board of directors of the Company dated 16 October 2024, decided to exercise their power under clause 57.1(A) of the instrument of incorporation dated 22 April 2024 governing the Company and the Terminating Sub-Fund (the "Instrument") to propose to terminate the Terminating Sub-Fund with effect from 18 December 2024 (the "Termination Date"). The Company has given written notice to the Manager and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited (the "Custodian") notifying the Manager and the Custodian of its proposal to terminate the Terminating Sub-Fund pursuant to clause 57.1(A) of the Instrument, and the Manager and the Custodian do not object to this proposal;
- the Last Trading Day (as defined in section 2.5) will be 18 November 2024;
- the Shares will cease trading as from 19 November 2024 (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date as defined in section 2.5);
- on the date on which this Announcement and Notice is published, a certain portion of the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund, amounting to approximately HK\$4,000 will be set aside as Provision (as defined in section 4.4) to discharge any Future Costs (as defined in section 4.4). As a result, the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share will be reduced before the commencement of the trading on the SEHK on 21 October 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, the Manager will continue to cap the ongoing expenses (which include the Provision) of the Terminating Sub-Fund to 2% per annum until the Trading Cessation Date. Any ongoing expenses (which include the Provision) exceeding 2 % of the average Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund will be borne by the Manager and will not be charged to the Terminating Sub-Fund. The Manager will waive its entitlement to Management Fee from the date of this Announcement and Notice until the Termination Date.
- Where the Provision is in excess of the actual amount of the Future Costs, such excess will be refunded to the Relevant Investors (as defined in section 2.3) as part of the Distribution (as defined in section 2.3) in proportion to each Relevant Investor's interests in the Terminating Sub-Fund as at the Record Date (as defined in section 2.5). However, where the Provision is insufficient to cover any Future Costs, any shortfall will be borne by the Manager and no further provision will be made;
- As at 17 October 2024, the Terminating Sub-Fund has HK\$1,098,495.72 as unamortised establishment costs. Such unamortised establishment costs will continue to be borne by the Terminating Sub-Fund until the Trading Cessation Date subject to the cap on the ongoing expenses (which include the Provision) of 2% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund. Any unamortised establishment costs as at the Trading Cessation Date will be borne by the Manager.
- all assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund will commence to be realised effective from the
  Trading Cessation Date. Accordingly, from the Trading Cessation Date onwards: (a) the
  Shares will no longer be traded on the SEHK and no creation and redemption of Shares will
  be possible; (b) the Terminating Sub-Fund will cease to meet its investment objective; (c) the
  Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be marketed to the public in Hong Kong; (d) the

Terminating Sub-Fund will mainly hold cash; and (e) the Terminating Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner;

- the Manager will, after having consulted with the Terminating Sub-Fund's auditors (the "Auditors") and the Custodian, declare the Distribution to the investors who remain so as at close of business on 22 November 2024 (i.e. the Record Date as defined in section 2.5), and the distribution will be payable on or around 4 December 2024 (i.e. the Distribution Date as defined in section 2.5);
- the total amount for Distribution will equal the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the net assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund as described in section 1.2 below. The Provision will not be included in the Distribution;
- by the date the Custodian and the Manager form an opinion that the Terminating Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities, the Custodian and the Manager will proceed with the completion of the termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund (such date being, the Termination Date). The Manager expects the Termination Date will be on or around 18 December 2024. The Manager will publish an announcement on or shortly before the Termination Date in relation to the termination, deauthorisation of the Terminating Sub-Fund ("Deauthorisation") and delisting of the Terminating Sub-Fund ("Delisting");
- during the period from the Trading Cessation Date until, at least, the Termination Date, the
  Terminating Sub-Fund will remain listed on the SEHK and authorized by the SFC. Apart
  from certain provisions of the UT Code which are not applicable, the Terminating Sub-Fund
  will continue to comply with all the applicable laws and regulations, albeit it will be operated
  in a limited manner;
- while the Manager will apply to the SEHK for Delisting after the Termination Date, the Manager will maintain the Terminating Sub-Fund's listing status, and, subject to the SEHK's approval, expects the Delisting to take effect at or around the same time as the Deauthorisation;
- subject to the SFC's approval, the Manager will proceed with the Deauthorisation after the Termination Date and the Deauthorisation is expected to take place within seven calendar months from the Termination Date after obtaining tax clearance;
- investors should pay attention to the risk factors as set out in section 5.2 below. Investors should exercise caution and consult with their professional and financial advisers before dealings in the Shares or otherwise deciding on the course of actions to be taken in relation to their Shares.

Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to:

- forward a copy of this Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Shares, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- \* facilitate their clients who want to dispose of Shares on or before the Last Trading Day;
- inform their clients as soon as possible if any earlier dealing deadline, additional fees or charges, and/or other terms and conditions will be applicable in respect of the provision of their services in connection with any disposal of Shares.

Any product documents of the Terminating Sub-Fund including the Prospectus and the KFS of the Terminating Sub-Fund should be retained by the investors for personal use only and not for public circulation. If investors are in doubt about the contents of this Announcement and Notice,

they should contact their independent financial intermediaries or professional advisers to seek their professional advice, or direct their queries to the Manager (for details, please refer to section 7 below).

Relevant Investors are reminded to contact their stockbrokers or financial intermediaries to check whether there will be any fees or charges including custody fees that they may need to bear with regard to their shareholding in the Terminating Sub-Fund during the period from the Trading Cessation Date up till the date on which they cease to hold Shares.

### 1. Proposed termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund, cessation of trading and realisation of assets

#### 1.1 Proposed termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund

According to clause 57.1(A) of the Instrument, if after one year from the date of the first issue of shares relating to any sub-fund or at any date thereafter, in relation to such sub-fund, the aggregate Net Asset Value shall be less than HK\$220,000,000 or its equivalent in the Base Currency of the sub-fund, the directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion terminate the sub-fund. The Instrument does not require Shareholders' approval for terminating the Terminating Sub-Fund on the ground set out in clause 57.1(A).

The Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund, as at 17 October 2024, was HK\$2,298,083.85 and the Net Asset Value per Share was HK\$45.9617. Having taken into account the relevant factors including interests of the investors as a whole, the currently relatively small Net Asset Value, the low trading volume of the Terminating Sub-Fund, the directors of the Company are of the view that the proposed termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund would be in the best interests of the investors in the Terminating Sub-Fund. Therefore, the directors of the Company have, by means of a resolution of the board of directors of the Company dated 16 October 2024, decided to exercise their power under clause 57.1(A) of the Instrument to terminate the Terminating Sub-Fund on the date on which the Custodian and the Manager form an opinion that the Terminating Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities. The Company has given written notice to the Manager and the Custodian notifying the Manager and the Custodian of its proposal to terminate the Terminating Sub-Fund pursuant to clause 57.1(A) of the Instrument, and the Manager and the Custodian do not object to such proposal.

As required under clause 57.3 of the Instrument and 11.5 of the UT Code, no less than one month's notice is hereby given to investors, notifying them of the proposed termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund. Also, as required under 10.6 of the SFC's Code on Open-Ended Fund Companies (the "**OFC Code**"), reasonable notice is hereby given to the investors, notifying them that the Terminating Sub-Fund will cease trading from the Trading Cessation Date.

#### 1.2 The proposed cessation of trading

The Manager, on the instruction of the directors of the Company, will commence to realise all assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund effective from the Trading Cessation Date. Such realisation will be at no additional cost compared to the costs associated with normal realisation of assets.

In view of the above, the Manager will apply to the SEHK to have the Shares cease trading on the SEHK with effect from the Trading Cessation Date, i.e. 19 November 2024, and proceed with the Distribution (as defined in section 2.3 below) of the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund as soon as practicable (see details in section 2.3 below). As such, 18 November 2024 will be the Last Trading Day on which investors may buy or sell Shares on the SEHK in accordance with the usual trading arrangements

currently in place. For the avoidance of doubt, creation and redemption of Shares by Participating Dealers will continue to be permitted until the Last Trading Day. Creations of Shares will be limited to the creation of Shares by Participating Dealers for market making activities of market makers to provide liquidity of the trading of the Shares on the SEHK. There will be no creation of Shares for other purposes after this Announcement and Notice has been published. Investors should note that they cannot create or redeem Shares directly from the Terminating Sub-Fund in the primary market. Application for redemption of Shares can only be made by Participating Dealers and the Participating Dealer may have its own application procedures and cut-off times for its clients which may be earlier than those set out in the Prospectus. Investors are advised to check with Participating Dealers as to the relevant timing deadlines and client acceptance procedures and requirements.

#### 1.3 Impacts on the proposed realisation of the assets

After the realisation of all the assets (as described in section 1.2 above), the Terminating Sub-Fund will only hold cash, primarily consisting of the proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund, and the Terminating Sub-Fund will cease to be able to meet its investment objective.

#### 2 What will happen after the Trading Cessation Date?

#### 2.1 Trading on the SEHK on any trading day up to and including the Last Trading Day

On any trading day up to and including the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell Shares on the SEHK in accordance with the usual trading arrangements, during the trading hours of the SEHK and based on the prevailing market prices. Each market maker of the Terminating Sub-Fund ("Market Maker") will continue to perform its market making functions in accordance with the Trading Rules of the SEHK until the Last Trading Day.

Investors should note that stockbrokers or other financial intermediaries may impose brokerage fees on any sale of the Shares on the SEHK on investors, a transaction levy (at 0.0027% of the price of the Shares), an Accounting and Financial Reporting Council transaction levy (at 0.00015% of the price of the Shares) and a trading fee (at 0.00565% of the price of the Shares) will be payable by the buyer and the seller of the Shares. No charge to stamp duty will arise in Hong Kong in respect of sale or purchase of Shares on the SEHK.

The trading price of Shares may be below or above the Net Asset Value per Share. Please see the relevant risk factor in section 5.2 below. Investors are reminded to contact their stockbrokers or financial intermediaries to check whether there will be any fees or charges including custody fees that they may need to bear with regard to their holdings of Shares during the period from the Trading Cessation Date up until the date on which they cease to hold Shares.

#### 2.2 Immediately from the Trading Cessation Date

Effective from the Trading Cessation Date, the Shares will cease trading on the SEHK and there will be no further creation and redemption of Shares. In other words, investors will only be allowed to buy or sell Shares on the SEHK until (and including) the Last Trading Day and will not be allowed to do so from the Trading Cessation Date onwards.

#### 2.3 Distribution

For investors who are still holding Shares in CCASS as at the Record Date (the "Relevant Investor(s)"), the Manager will, after having consulted with the Custodian and the Auditors, declare a distribution in Hong Kong Dollars (the "Distribution") in respect of such Relevant Investors. Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to the Distribution of an amount equal to the Terminating Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's interests in the Terminating Sub-Fund as at the Record Date. The Terminating Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value will be the total value of the net

proceeds from the realisation of its assets as described in section 1.3 above. The Provision (as defined in section 4.4 below) will not be included in the Distribution.

The Distribution to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid to the accounts of its financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS on or around 4 December 2024 (i.e. the Distribution Date). The Manager will issue further announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Distribution, together with the amount of the Distribution per Share, in due course.

The Manager does not expect or anticipate there will be a further distribution after the Distribution. However, in the unlikely event there is a further distribution after the Distribution (e.g. the Terminating Sub-Fund is entitled to receive declared dividends in relation to securities held by the Terminating Sub-Fund but the Terminating Sub-Fund has not yet received such dividends before the Distribution Date), the Manager will issue an announcement informing the Relevant Investors with the proposed treatment.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Investors should pay attention to the risk factors as set out in section 5.2 below and consult with their professional and financial advisers before disposing of the Shares. If an investor disposes of its Shares at any time on or before the Last Trading Day, such investor will not, in any circumstances, be entitled to any portion of the Distribution in respect of any Share so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Shares or otherwise deciding on any course of actions to be taken in relation to their Shares.

#### 2.4 During the period from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date

During the period from the Trading Cessation Date until, at least, the Termination Date, the Terminating Sub-Fund will still have the listing status on the SEHK, and remain SFC authorized, albeit the Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be marketed or offered to the public and will be operated only in a limited manner because there will be no trading of Shares and the Terminating Sub-Fund will have no investment activities from the Trading Cessation Date onwards.

Following the realisation of all the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund and the Distribution (and further distribution, if any), on the date on which the Custodian and the Manager form an opinion that the Terminating Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities (i.e. the Termination Date), the Manager and the Custodian will commence the completion of the termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund.

The Deauthorisation and Delisting will take place within seven calendar months from the Termination Date, subject to the SFC's and SEHK's respective approvals and tax clearance. The Manager expects that Delisting will only take place at or around the same time of the Deauthorisation.

The proposed termination, Delisting and Deauthorisation will be subject to the payment of all outstanding fees and expenses and any other liabilities of the Terminating Sub-Fund, as well as the final approvals of the SFC and the SEHK.

Following the Deauthorisation, the Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be subject to the regulations of the SFC and will not be marketed to the public in Hong Kong. Any product documentation for the Terminating Sub-Fund previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and any KFS in respect of the Terminating Sub-Fund, should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation. Stockbrokers, financial intermediaries and investors must not circulate any marketing or other product information relating to the Terminating Sub-Fund to the public in Hong Kong as this may be in breach of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

#### 2.5 Important dates

Subject to the SFC's and the SEHK's respective approvals for the proposed arrangements set out in this Announcement and Notice, it is anticipated that the expected important dates in respect of the Terminating Sub-Fund will be as follows:

Dispatch of Announcement and Notice and the date for setting aside the Provision	After market close on 18 October 2024
No further request for creation of Shares by investors in the primary market via Participating Dealers (other than by Participating Dealers for market making activities) will be accepted	21 October 2024
Last day for creation of Shares by Participating Dealers for market making activities of market makers and redemption of Shares in the primary market through Participating Dealers and last day for dealings in the Shares on the SEHK (the "Last Trading Day")	18 November 2024
Dealings in the Shares on the SEHK cease (the "Trading Cessation Date"), i.e. same date on which all assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund will commence to be realised and the Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be marketed or offered to the public in Hong Kong	19 November 2024
Last valuation of the Terminating Sub-Fund to be conducted upon commencement of realisation of all assets	19 November 2024
Record date for determining the eligibility of entitlement of investors for Distribution (and further distribution, if any) (the "Record Date")	22 November 2024
Dispatch of announcement on Distribution	27 November 2024
Distribution (after the Manager having consulted with the Auditors) will be paid to the investors who are still holding	On or around 4 December 2024
Shares as at the Record Date (the "Distribution Date")  Termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund when the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund have been fully realized with the proceeds therefrom distributed and the Manager and the Custodian form an opinion that the Terminating Sub-Fund ceases to have any contingent or actual assets or liabilities (the "Termination Date")	Expected to be 18 December 2024
Delisting and Deauthorisation of the Terminating Sub-Fund	Within seven calendar months from the Termination Date, subject to the SFC's and SEHK's respective approvals of the Deauthorisation and Delisting and tax clearance

The Manager will issue the following:

- (i) (on a weekly basis from the date of this Announcement and Notice until the Last Trading Day) reminder announcements to investors informing and reminding them of the Last Trading Day, the Trading Cessation Date and the Record Date;
- (ii) (in due course) further announcements to inform the investors of the Distribution Date; and
- (iii) (on or around the Termination Date) an announcement to inform investors of the Termination Date, as well as the dates for the Delisting and the Deauthorisation as and when appropriate,

in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

If there is any change to the dates mentioned set out in the table above, the Manager will issue an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the revised dates.

All stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to forward a copy of this Announcement and Notice, together with any further announcements, to their clients investing in the Shares, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice, and any further announcements, as soon as possible.

#### 3. Non-applicability of certain provisions of the UT Code

#### 3.1 Background

As set out in section 2.2 above, while the Terminating Sub-Fund will cease trading effective from the Trading Cessation Date, because of certain outstanding actual or contingent assets or liabilities in relation to the Terminating Sub-Fund, the Terminating Sub-Fund remains in existence after the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date. During such period, the Terminating Sub-Fund will maintain its SFC authorisation status, and the Terminating Sub-Fund will maintain its SEHK listing status, until the completion of the proposed termination, Deauthorisation and Delisting.

However, from the Trading Cessation Date onwards:

- (i) there will be no further trading of Shares and no further creation and redemption of Shares in the primary market;
- (ii) the Manager will commence to realise all the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund and the Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be marketed to the public; and
- (iii) the Terminating Sub-Fund is expected to mainly hold cash and the Terminating Sub-Fund will be operated only in a limited manner.

The Terminating Sub-Fund may not strictly comply with certain provisions of the UT Code for the period from and including the Trading Cessation Date up until the Deauthorisation, provided that the specific conditions and requirements imposed by the SFC are met. Such conditions and requirements are described in section 3.2 below.

#### 3.2 Details of the conditions and requirements

#### 3.2.1 Publishing of the suspension of dealing

Under 10.7 of the UT Code, the Manager is required to: (a) immediately notify the SFC if dealing in Shares ceases or is suspended; and (b) publish the fact that dealing is suspended immediately following the decision to suspend and at least once a month during the period of suspension in an appropriate manner (the requirements under (b) are referred to as the "investor notification requirements").

The Manager will continue to manage the Terminating Sub-Fund without strict compliance with the investor notification requirements under 10.7 of the UT Code, subject to the conditions that a statement shall be posted in a prominent position of the Manager's website from the Trading Cessation Date until the date of the Deauthorisation and Delisting to notify investors that the Shares have ceased trading on

the SEHK from 19 November 2024, and draw their attention to this Announcement and Notice and all other relevant announcements.

Because the Terminating Sub-Fund will retain its listing status after the Last Trading Day until the date of the Deauthorisation and Delisting, investors may continue to access further announcements in relation to the Terminating Sub-Fund via the SEHK's website and the Manager's website (www.harvestglobal.com.hk (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC)) during such period.

3.2.2 Provision of real time or near-real time indicative Net Asset Value per Share, last Net Asset Value and last Net Asset Value per Share

Under 8.6(u)(i) and 8.6(u)(ii) of the UT Code, the Manager is required to provide real time or near-real time indicative Net Asset Value per Share (updated at least every 15 seconds during trading hours) and last Net Asset Value per Share and last Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund (updated on a daily basis) on the Manager's website or such other channels as the SFC considers appropriate.

Following the date of this Announcement and Notice, there will be no further creation of Shares in the primary market (other than by Participating Dealers for market making activities), and from the Trading Cessation Date onwards, there will be no further trading of Shares and no further creation and redemption of Shares in the primary market. It follows therefore that the Terminating Sub-Fund is expected to mainly hold cash and the Terminating Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner. The Manager proposes that the Net Asset Value per Share will be updated on the Manager's website only when there is any event which causes the Net Asset Value to change. The Manager and the Custodian expect that the events which will cause the Net Asset Value per Share to change will be: (i) the Distribution; and (ii) any change in the market value of any scrip dividend receivable by the Terminating Sub-Fund.

Accordingly, the Manager will continue to manage the Terminating Sub-Fund without strict compliance with the above-mentioned requirements under 8.6(u)(i) and 8.6(u)(ii) of the UT Code, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the Net Asset Value per Share as of 19 November 2024 (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date), which will be the latest available Net Asset Value per Share by then, will be published on the Manager's website;
- (b) the Manager shall update the latest available Net Asset Value per Share on the Manager's website (www.harvestglobal.com.hk (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC)) as soon as practicable should there be any other change to the Net Asset Value including but not limited to changes arising from the Distribution, and any change in the market value of any scrip dividend receivable by the Terminating Sub-Fund.

#### 3.2.3 Updating of the Prospectus and KFS

Under 6.1 and 11.1B of the UT Code, the Prospectus and the KFS must be up-to-date and must be updated to incorporate any relevant changes to the Terminating Sub-Fund.

In view of the cessation of trading of Shares from the Trading Cessation Date, and there being no further creation or redemption of Shares, the Manager considers that it is not necessary to update the Prospectus or KFS to reflect any future changes.

As such, the Manager will continue to manage the Terminating Sub-Fund without strict compliance with the above-mentioned requirements under 6.1 and 11.1B of the UT Code so that the Prospectus and the KFS need not be updated from the Trading Cessation Date.

Without prejudice to the other obligations of the Manager under 11.1B of the UT Code, the Manager has undertaken and confirmed with the SFC that it shall:

- (a) promptly notify investors of any changes to the Terminating Sub-Fund or to the Prospectus or KFS by means of publishing the announcement(s) on its and SEHK's websites (each, a "relevant future announcement");
- (b) ensure that each relevant future announcement shall include a statement to refer investors to read this Announcement and Notice, together with the Prospectus, KFS and any other relevant future announcement(s); and
- (c) issue an updated Prospectus on the date of Deauthorisation to remove all references to the Terminating Sub-Fund from the Prospectus.

The Manager considers that the investors' interests will not be prejudiced by the above arrangement.

#### 3.3 Other related matter

The Manager confirms that, apart from the particular provisions of the UT Code set out in section 3.2 above, the Manager will continue to comply with all the other applicable provisions of the UT Code, the OFC Code, the applicable provisions in the Instrument, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and other applicable laws and regulations.

#### 4. Costs

#### 4.1 Trading on the SEHK

As indicated in section 2.1 above, the stockbrokers or financial intermediaries may levy certain fees and charges for any orders to dispose of Shares on or before the Last Trading Day.

#### 4.2 Creation and redemption by Participating Dealers

All creation and redemption of Shares by Participating Dealers will be subject to the fees and costs as set out in the Prospectus. Participating Dealers may pass on to the relevant investors such fees and costs, and may also impose fees and charges in handling creation and redemption requests which would increase the cost of creation and redemption. Investors are advised to check with Participating Dealers as to their relevant fees, costs and charges.

#### 4.3 Cost of termination, deauthorisation and delisting

Subject to the Provision as mentioned in section 4.4 below, the Manager will bear all costs and expenses associated with the termination, Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Terminating Sub-Fund, such as audit fee in relation to the Termination Audit Report (as defined in section 5.1 below), from the date of this Announcement and Notice until and including the Termination Date.

#### 4.4 Ongoing charges of the Terminating Sub-Fund and provision of costs and expenses

The on-going charges of the Terminating Sub-Fund over a year as disclosed in the KFS is 2%. The ongoing charges figure represents the ongoing expenses chargeable to the Terminating Sub-Fund over a 12-month period as at 30 April 2024, expressed as a percentage of the Terminating Sub-Fund's average Net Asset Value over the same period. This figure may vary year to year. The ongoing charges figure shown above is calculated in accordance with the guidance under the relevant SFC circular.

The Manager will continue to cap the ongoing expenses (which include the Provision) of the Terminating Sub-Fund to 2% per annum until the Trading Cessation Date. Any ongoing expenses

(which include the Provision) exceeding 2 % of the average Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund will be borne by the Manager and will not be charged to the Terminating Sub-Fund. The Manager will waive its entitlement to Management Fee from the date of this Announcement and Notice until the Termination Date.

The Terminating Sub-Fund does not have any contingent liabilities (such as outstanding litigation) as at the date of this Announcement and Notice.

On the date on which this Announcement and Notice is published, a certain portion of the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund, amounting to approximately HK\$4,000 (the "Provision"), will be set aside. This Provision is to discharge any future costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands (including but not limited to any legal costs, Auditors' fees, regulatory maintenance costs, termination related expenses and the fees payable to any service provider to the Terminating Sub-Fund, including the Custodian) that the Custodian and the Manager may incur or make, during the period from the time after this Announcement and Notice has been published up to the Termination Date, in connection with or arising out of the on-going expenses of the Terminating Sub-Fund, and the termination process together with the Delisting and Deauthorisation (the "Future Costs"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Future Costs include the normal operating expenses such as transaction costs and taxes (if any) relating to realising the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund. The Manager and the Custodian have confirmed that they have no objection to the amount of the Provision.

As a result of the setting aside of the Provision immediately after this Announcement and Notice has been published, the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share will be reduced before the commencement of the trading on the SEHK on 21 October 2024.

The below table shows the estimated Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share before and after setting aside the Provision:

	Before setting aside the Provision		After setting aside the Provision	
	NAV (HK\$)	NAV per Share (HK\$)	NAV (HK\$)	NAV per Share (HK\$)
Harvest China Sustainable Lifestyle Tech Active ETF	2,298,083.85	45.9617	2,294,083.85	45.8817

If there are significant differences between the above figures and the actual Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share before the commencement of trading on 21 October 2024, the Manager will make a further announcement to investors in this connection.

Where the Provision is in excess of the actual amount of the Future Costs (when materialized), such excess will be refunded to the Relevant Investors as part of the Distribution in proportion to each Relevant Investor's interests in the Terminating Sub-Fund as at the Record Date. However, where the Provision is insufficient to cover any Future Costs, any shortfall will be borne by the Manager and no further provision will be made.

#### 4.5 Unamortised establishment costs

As at 17 October 2024, the Terminating Sub-Fund has HK\$ 1,098,495.72 as unamortised establishment costs. Such unamortised establishment costs will continue to be borne by the Terminating Sub-Fund until the Trading Cessation Date subject to the cap on the ongoing expenses (which include the Provision) of 2% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund. Any unamortised preliminary expenses as at the Trading Cessation Date will be borne by the Manager.

#### 5. Other matters

#### 5.1 Termination audit

The Manager will appoint the Auditors to prepare a termination audit of the Terminating Sub-Fund as at the Termination Date (the "**Termination Audit Report**"). The Termination Audit Report will be sent to the Relevant Investors as soon as practicable and in any event no later than four months after the Termination Date. The hard copies will also be made available free of charge from the office of the Manager.

5.2 Other implications of the proposed cessation of trading, the proposed termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund and the proposed Delisting and Deauthorisation

In consequence of this Announcement and Notice and the proposed cessation of trading, the proposed termination of the Terminating Sub-Fund and the proposed Delisting and Deauthorisation, investors should note the following risks:

*Liquidity risk* - Trading of Shares on the SEHK from the date of this Announcement and Notice may become less liquid;

Shares trading at a discount or premium risk and Market Maker's inefficiency risk - Although up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, each Market Maker will continue to perform its market making functions in accordance with the Trading Rules of the SEHK, Shares may trade at a discount compared to their Net Asset Value in extreme market situations. This is because many investors may want to sell their Shares after this Announcement and Notice has been published but there may not be many investors in the market who are willing to purchase such Shares. On the other hand, it is also possible that the Shares may trade at a premium, and consequently the divergence between the supply of and demand for such Shares may be larger than usual. Each Market Maker may not be able to effectively perform its market making activities to provide liquidity of the trading of Shares on the SEHK in these extreme market situations. As a result, the price volatility of the Shares may be higher than usual from the date of this Announcement and Notice up to (and including) the Last Trading Day;

Net Asset Value downward adjustment risk – Changes in economic environment, consumption pattern and investors' expectations may have significant impact on the value of the investments and there may be significant drop in value of the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund. Also, the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Sub-Fund will be reduced as some of the Terminating Sub-Fund's assets will be set aside as the Provision on the date on which this Announcement and Notice is published. Such market movements and the setting aside of the Provision may result in substantial downward adjustment of the Net Asset Value per Share before the Last Trading Day.

**Delay in distribution risk** – The Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund and then proceed with the Distribution as soon as practicable. However, the Manager may not be able to realise all the assets of the Terminating Sub-Fund in a timely manner during certain periods of time, for example, when the trading on the relevant stock exchanges is restricted or suspended or when the official clearing and settlement depositary of the relevant market is closed. In this case, the payment of the Distribution to the Relevant Investors may be delayed.

Investor's attention is also drawn to the risk factors disclosed in the Prospectus.

- 5.3 Tax implications
- 5.3.1 Hong Kong tax

Based on the Manager's understanding of the law and practice in force at the date of this Announcement and Notice, as the Terminating Sub-Fund is a collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 Laws of Hong Kong), profits of the Terminating Sub-Fund derived from realisation of its assets are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax.

The Distribution (to the extent such amount represents distribution of profits and/or capital of the Terminating Sub-Fund) should generally not be subject to Hong Kong profits tax by investors (whether by way of withholding or otherwise). For investors carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong, profits derived in redemption or disposal of Shares may be subject to Hong Kong profits tax if the profits in question arise in or are derived from such trade, profession or business, sourced in Hong Kong, or if the Shares are revenue assets of the investors.

#### 5.3.2 PRC tax

The Manager, after consultation with the PRC tax advisers, has not made any tax provision with respect to the gross unrealised and realised capital gains derived by the Terminating Sub-Fund, given that:

- pursuant to "Notice on the temporary exemption of Corporate Income Tax ("CIT") on capital gains derived from the transfer of PRC equity investment assets such as PRC domestic stocks by QFII and RQFII" (Caishui [2014] No. 79), QFII/RQFIIs (without a permanent establishment ("PE") in the PRC or having a PE in the PRC but the income so derived in China is not effectively connected with such PE) are temporarily exempt from CIT on gains derived from the transfer of PRC equity investment assets (including A-Shares) effective from 17 November 2014; and
- pursuant to "Notice about the tax policies related to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect" (Caishui [2014] No. 81) and the "Notice about the tax policies related to the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect" (Caishui [2016] No. 127), CIT is be temporarily exempted on capital gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Terminating Sub-Fund) on the trading of A-Shares through the Stock Connect.

Investors' attention is drawn to the sub-section entitled "Mainland China withholding taxation risk" in Appendix 1: Harvest China Sustainable Lifestyle Tech Active ETF of the Prospectus for information about the PRC tax obligations of the Terminating Sub-Fund.

Investors should consult their professional tax advisers for tax advice.

#### 5.4 Documents available for inspection

Copies of the Instrument, Prospectus and KFS of the Terminating Sub-Fund, Conversion Agency Service Agreement, Fund Administration Agreement, Management Agreement, Participation Agreement, QFI Custody Agreement, Service Agreement and the latest annual and semi-annual reports (if any) are available for inspection free of charge at any time during normal business hours on any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the offices of the Manager as set out in section 7 below.

#### 6. Connected party transactions

No Connected Persons of the Manager and/or the Custodian hold any interest in the Terminating Sub-Fund. Other than as disclosed in the Prospectus, none of the Connected Persons is involved in any transaction in relation to the Terminating Sub-Fund as at the date of this Announcement and Notice.

#### 7. Enquiries

If you have any queries in relation to the contents of this Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager at 32nd Floor of Lee Garden One, 33 Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, or call: (852) 3913 3393, or visit the Manager's website: www.harvestglobal.com.hk.

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement and Notice, and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

#### **Harvest Global Investments Limited**

as Manager of the Company and the Terminating Sub-Fund Hong Kong 18 October 2024